

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 9, 2021**

Present

Deputy Mayor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Councilor, Jason Aucoin
Councilor, Hughie MacDougall
Councilor, Mark MacIver
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Erin MacEachen
Director Marketing, Recreation, Tourism & Culture, Michelle Farrow
Executive Director, EDPC, John Bain

1. Call to Order

A Public Hearing of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held virtually, Wednesday, June 9, 2021, and called to order by Deputy Mayor, Blaine MacQuarrie at 6:00pm.

2. Staff Presentation – Second Reading – Granville Street/Waterfront C-2 Amendment

Eastern District Planning Commission planner, Lee-Ann Martin had provided an overview of the Amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for Granville Street/ Waterfront C-2 Zone to allow for an outdoor beer garden and restaurant. The current policy permits “Places of entertainment, recreation, and assembly which are conducted in wholly enclosed buildings.

The following amendments were made “Removing, immediately the following strikethrough text below within the Granville Street/Waterfront Development (C-2) Zone,

Places of entertainment, recreation, and assembly ~~which are conducted within wholly enclosed buildings.~~

The Following Motion was moved and seconded from the Planning Advisory Committee on the May 13th, 2021:

“Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-Law be amended to remove the “wholly enclosed buildings” provision from Policy L-2.2.0 of the Municipal Planning Strategy and from the Granville Street/Waterfront Development (C-2) Zone of the Land-Use By-Law. It is recommended that Council give first reading to the agreement and hold a public hearing.”

Planning Staff recommended Council make the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law by removing the “wholly enclosed buildings” provision from Policy L-2.2.0 of the MPS and from the C-2 Zone within the By-Law. Planning Advisory Committee recommended in favor of Council making the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. The Public Hearing was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act.

3. Council Question Period

Councilor, H. MacDougall asked the question if there will be nightly entertainment and what the hours will the hours be.

5. Gallery Presentations

- a) Call for opposing presentations.
There were no opposing presentations.

- b) Call for presentations in favor.

Business owner, Danny Ellis, gave a brief verbal presentation to Council. The Portside Sydney location employed 40-50 people in their first year of business. Danny also stated that food sales are higher than alcohol sales. They support both local brewers and distilleries. He indicated that the nightly entertainment would end by 9pm. He talked about the substantial economic impact that Portside Sydney has brought to the Sydney Waterfront.

6. Written Submissions

There were no written submissions.

7. Staff Presentation – Second Reading – Re-designate Lots 141- 149 Elm Court

Eastern District Planning Commission Planner, Alex Dunphy had provided an overview of the rezoning of lots 141-149 on Elm Court. Council had made the motion on September 15th, 2020 that:

“The Town of Port Hawkesbury Council requests that the Eastern District Planning Commission begin the process to designate 141 – 149 Elm Court to O-1 Open Space from R-1 Residential Single Unit.” The Port Hawkesbury Planning Advisory Committee met Thursday, May 13, 2021

The following motion was moved, seconded and carried that:

“Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land-Use By-Law be amended to re-designate Lots 141-149 Elm Court from the Residential to the Open Space Designation and to concurrently rezone the same lots from Residential Two Unit (R-2) to Recreational Open Space (O-1) zone.

It is recommended that Council give first reading to the amendments and hold a public hearing.”

Planning Staff recommended Council not make the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law. Planning Advisory Committee recommended in favor of Council making the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. The Public Hearing was advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act.

8. Council Question Period

There were no questions from Council.

9. Gallery Presentations

- a) Call for opposing presentations
There were no opposing presentations.

- b) Call for presentations in favor.

Birchwood Court resident, George MacDonald gave a brief presentation in favor of this bylaw change.

10. Written Submissions

There were no written submissions.

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor, J. Aucoin and SECONDED by Councilor, H. MacDougall "to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m." MOTION CARRIED.

June 15, 2021
Date:

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Approved by: Terry Doyle, P.Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer

Melissa Warner
Recorded by: Melissa Warner
Communications & Administrative
Officer